

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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BELFRY HOLDINGS, INC., MARY BLY,  
COLUMBUS ROSE, LTD., MICHAEL  
CONNELLY, SYLVIA  
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DOUGLAS PRESTON, ROXANA ROBINSON,  
GEORGE SAUNDERS, SCOTT TUROW, and  
RACHEL VAIL, individually and on behalf of  
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

OPEN AI INC., OPENAI OPCO LLC, OPENAI  
GP LLC, OPENAI, LLC, OPENAI GLOBAL  
LLC, OAI CORPORATION LLC, OPENAI  
HOLDINGS LLC, OPENAI STARTUP FUND I  
LP, OPENAI STARTUP FUND GP I LLC,  
OPENAI STARTUP FUND MANAGEMENT  
LLC, and MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

Defendants.

JONATHAN ALTER, KAI BIRD, TAYLOR  
BRANCH, RICH COHEN, EUGENE LINDEN,  
DANIEL OKRENT, JULIAN SANCTON,  
HAMPTON SIDES, STACY SCHIFF, JAMES  
SHAPIRO, JIA TOLENTINO, TOUGH JEWS,  
INC., and SIMON  
WINCHESTER, on behalf of themselves and all  
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

**ECF CASE**

No. 1:23-cv-08292-SHS;  
No. 1:23-cv-10211-SHS

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

v.

OPEN AI INC., OPENAI OPCO LLC, OPENAI GP LLC, OPENAI, LLC, OPENAI GLOBAL LLC, OAI CORPORATION LLC, OPENAI HOLDINGS LLC, OPENAI STARTUP FUND I LP, OPENAI STARTUP FUND GP I LLC, OPENAI STARTUP FUND MANAGEMENT LLC, and MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

Defendants.

### **AUTHOR PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO SEAL**

Under paragraph 25 of the Stipulated Protective Order in this case (Dkt. 338), Author Plaintiffs respectfully seek to provisionally file under seal portions of their letter motion to compel. The letter motion seeks a conference to discuss a discovery dispute—specifically, OpenAI's various assertions of privilege in its redacted documents and privilege log entries. The Author Plaintiffs seek to file portions of this letter motion and the exhibits under seal because both discuss documents that OpenAI has designated as Protected Discovery Material under the Protective Order. Dkt. 338 ¶ 25. The Author Plaintiffs do not affirmatively seek to seal any material. Under the Protective Order, OpenAI has five business days to file a statement of reasons why the material should be sealed. *Id.* The Author Plaintiffs will review OpenAI's filings, and if necessary, confer about any disagreement.

Dated: March 31, 2025

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify this 31st day of March 2025, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification to the attorneys of record and is available for viewing and downloading.

/s/ Amber B. Magee

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